



City of Cincinnati

Contact: Marie Gemelli-Carroll (513) 352-5358 or (cell) (513) 607-1390
Patricia Bready (cell) (513) 607-6959

Date: July 26, 2006

Department of Justice Recognizes Substantial Compliance with Memorandum of Agreement; Submits to Monitor for Evaluation

CINCINNATI—July 26, 2006—The City of Cincinnati was notified today by the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) that the DOJ recommends 55 of 81 items in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) be recognized for substantial compliance over the last two years. This latest development does not bring the MOA to an end; rather, it recognizes that the Cincinnati Police Department is in compliance with many aspects of the MOA and is on schedule for meeting all requirements of the Agreement that is set to expire in April 2007. The MOA was signed in 2002 regarding use of force, citizen complaints, and training in the Cincinnati Police Department.

The DOJ-identified items in the MOA were determined in substantial compliance by the Federal Independent Monitor and noted in the Monitor's quarterly reports. Increased Police accountability, decreased use of force and enhancement of the citizen complaint process are three key compliance areas where the Police Department has instituted program and process changes.

The DOJ's recommendation will go to the Monitor, who will issue a special report verifying the provisions where the City is shown to be in substantial compliance. The City, working with the Monitor, will continue the course for full compliance on all items in both the MOA and the Collaborative Agreement. The Collaborative Agreement is separate from the MOA and remains in full force.

"This is the outcome that we all hoped for, that the MOA would be a roadmap to bring the City into compliance. We obviously still have more work to do, and the City is going to work hard every day to ensure that we operate by the principles laid out in the MOA," Mayor Mallory said.

"The DOJ's initiative recognizes the City's many improvements in its policing practices, and this is very gratifying," said David E. Rager, City Manager. "The City remains committed to bringing 100 percent of the Agreement's provisions in to full and substantial compliance," Rager continued.

According to Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas Streicher, "The organizational improvements that the Police Department has incorporated since 2002 are significant and long-lasting. The Department remains committed to continuous improvement in the quality and effectiveness of our policing practices now, and into the future."

###